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THREAD: THE TWITTER FILES PART FIVE. THE REMOVAL OF TRUMP FROM TWITTER.

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30. "Multiple tweeps [Twitter employees] have quoted the Banality of Evil suggesting that people implementing our policies are like Nazis following orders," relays Yoel Roth to a colleague.



14:40:16

I am not sure who should hear this- but if you look at the conversation in <#CUE2BA2MU|imjackama> plenty of employees are not responding well to the 30min brief. I feel people want to feel heard and having someone with the right purview to reason with, and yet I am sure Jack/Vijaya are totally saturated. I wonder if we can mobilize people who are on the peripheral of decision making but not all consumed to engage with internal disucssions?



Yoel Roth 14:41:52

Yeah... I've been keeping an eye on it. Candidly, not a lot of people who are close to the decisions would feel safe engaging there. Multiple tweeps have quoted The Banality of Evil suggesting that people implementing our policies are like Nazis following orders — which, as someone responsible for our policies who had direct family members in Auschwitz, is not exactly an environment I want to wade into. People are angry and want to express themselves; but the way the conversation happens can close off meaningful engagement.

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40. Merkel's spokesperson called Twitter's decision to ban Trump from its platform "problematic" and added that the freedom of opinion is of "elementary significance." Russian opposition leader Alexey Navalny criticized the ban as "an unacceptable act of censorship."

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41. Whether you agree with Navalny and Macron or the executives at Twitter, we hope this latest installment of [#TheTwitterFiles](#) gave you insight into that unprecedented decision.

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42. From the outset, our goal in investigating this story was to discover and document the steps leading up to the banning of Trump and to put that choice into context.

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43. Ultimately, the concerns about Twitter's efforts to censor news about Hunter Biden's laptop, blacklist disfavored views, and ban a president aren't about the past choices of executives in a social media company.

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44. They're about the power of a handful of people at a private company to influence the public discourse and democracy.

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45. This was reported by [@ShellenbergerMD](#), [@IsaacGrafstein](#), [@SnoozyWeiss](#), [@Olivia_Reingold](#), [@petersavodnik](#), [@NellieBowles](#). Follow all of our work at The Free Press: [@TheFP](#)

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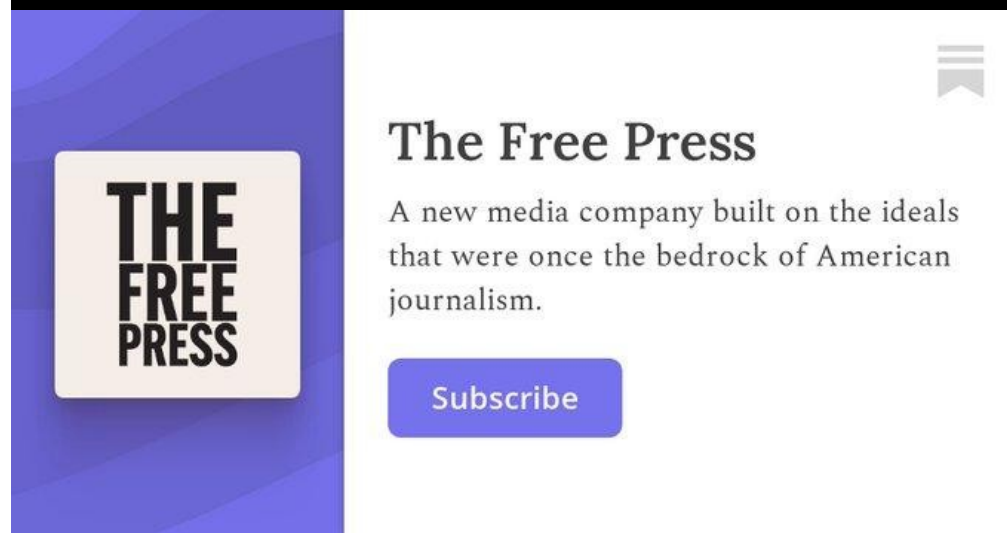


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